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Le Faîte Blanc

Price	£22.99
Code	FAIT001

Le Faîte is the iconic wine of the Saint-Mont Appellation and its blending is an unmissable annual event carried out by big names in the wine or gastronomy industry. Le Faîte is produced from the most expressive terroirs of Aignan, Plaisance and Saint-Mont. It's wooden label has been designed in tribute to the generations of winemakeers who have gone before and who kept their best cuvees buried in clay... identified with a wooden marker. An explosion of citrus fruit, litchi and gunflint with an elegant minerality.



Tasting Notes:

Initially pale in colour and tinged with green, but with age moving towards a more golden, slightly silvery hue, A rich, crisp attack with an explosion of citrus fruit, litchi and gunflint on the nose. Its youthful aromatic exuberance (tropical fruit) gives way to a greater complexity of mineral notes with a noble touch of undergrowth

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Specification	
Vinification	The vinification process mainly takes place in tank and starts with cold skin-contact maceration of the grape harvested in the morning (a period of 8-12 hours for the Gros Manseng, and Petit Manseng and 2-4 hours for the Petit Courbu). Slow pneumatic pressing (juices from the final press are not included) maintains the purity of the free-run wine. Alcoholic fermentation takes place at 19°C following light settling. Ageing: A 6 months period of lees contact is made for the tanks and lees stirring for the barrels. The lees contact plays a determining role for the construction of the mid-palate of this cuvee and also improves its capacity for bottle-ageing.
ABV	13.5%
Size	75cl
Drinking Window	Drink now
Country	France
Region	Gascony
Area	Pays du Gers
Sub Area	Saint Mont
Type	White Wine
Grape Mix	Blend
Genres	Vegan, Vegetarian
Vintage	2021
Style	Dry
Body	Elegant, crisp and delicate
Producer	Producteurs Plaimont
Producer Overview	Situated in the heart of South-West France, the Plaimont vineyards stretch from the foothills of the Pyrenees to the hills and valleys of Gascony covering a uniquely rich terroir.
Closure Type	Cork
Food Matches	This Saint-Mont's ultra-premium wine is great with shellfish and fish carpaccio when young. However, after several years of ageing, it is a perfect match to subtly-flavoured white meats and mature cheeses
Press Comments	Highly Commended Wine Merchant Top 100, 2026: "): Great balance of fruit and grapefruit acidity; rich golden apple and tropical fruit." Joanna Simon, The Festive Red Wine Guide 2024, "This is a perennial favourite, but the exemplary Plaimont co-op has excelled with the 2020 vintage, producing a perfect harmony of weight, texture, intensity, length, tight-wire acidity and flavours of ripe orchard fruit and Sicilian lemons. It's a blend of local hero grapes Gros Manseng, Petit Courbu and Arrufiac and 40% is aged for a year in barriques (25% new). **Read more online**